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To whom it may concern,

The proposed Microsoft Settlement will potentially cause great harm to the Open Source software movement.

The settlement allows Microsoft the ability to "not describe nor license API, Documentation, or Communications Protocols affecting authentication and authorization to companies that don't meet Microsoft's criteria as a business..."

Open source organization, such as Apache, Perl, Linux, etc, which are not-for-profit, will not meet this criteria. In fact, all branches of the government including The Justice Department, will also fail to meet this standard.

This is a tremendous flaw in the settlement that will have a large, negative effect on domestic and international businesses, educational bodies, and individuals.